

CMA US Notes: Budget Methodologies, Budgeting Cycle, and Business Combinations

Overview of Budget Methodologies and the Budgeting Cycle

Budget methodologies provide structured frameworks to translate an organization's strategic, tactical, and operational plans into quantitative financial and operational targets. The **budgeting cycle** is a continuous process that spans the entire year, involving planning, budget preparation, implementation, and evaluation. This cycle ensures resources are allocated effectively, performance is monitored, and strategic objectives are achieved.

The Budgeting Cycle

- **Definition:** A dynamic, year-long process that integrates planning, budgeting, implementation, and control to achieve organizational goals.
- **Steps:**
 1. **Planning:** Define strategic, tactical, and operational goals.
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Master Budget

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 - **Financial Budgets:** Detail sources and uses of funds.

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Preparing Individual Budgets

The master budget is built by preparing individual budgets in a logical sequence, starting with the sales budget, as it drives subsequent budgets.

1. Sales Budget

- **Definition:** The first budget prepared, forecasting expected sales volume and revenue.
- **Purpose:** Provides the foundation for production and resource planning.
- **Example (Wood Creations):**
 - **Company:** Wood Creations, a manufacturer of birdhouses, garden benches, and bowls.

- **Sales Budget for 20X3:**

Product	Budgeted Sales (Units)	Selling Price	Total Sales Revenue
Wood Birdhouses	4,000	\$50	\$200,000
Wood Garden Benches	2,500	\$275	\$687,500
Wood Bowls	3,500	\$60	\$210,000
Total			\$1,097,500

- **Application:** Drives production and resource budgets by setting sales targets.

2. Production Budget

- **Definition:** Estimates the number of units to produce based on sales forecasts and desired inventory levels.
- **Purpose:** Ensures sufficient inventory to meet demand while avoiding overproduction.
- **Formula:**
- Units to Produce = Budgeted Sales + Desired Ending Inventory - Beginning Inventory
- **Example (Wood Creations):**
 - **Inventory Targets for 20X3:**
 - Beginning Inventory (End of Current Year): 300 birdhouses, 200 benches, 300 bowls.
 - Desired Ending Inventory (End of 20X3): 350 birdhouses, 250 benches, 350 bowls.

- **Production Budget:**

Product	Sales (Units)	+ Desired Ending Inventory	- Beginning Inventory	Units to Produce
Wood Birdhouses	4,000	350	300	4,050
Wood Garden Benches	2,500	250	200	2,550
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3. Direct Materials Usage Budget

- **Definition:** Calculates the quantity and cost of direct materials required for production.
- **Purpose:** Supports production planning by estimating material needs and costs.
- **Example (Wood Creations):**
 - **Material Requirements:**

- Birdhouse: 1.5 board feet of 3/8" oak at \$10/board foot.
- Garden Bench: 9 board feet of 1/2" oak at \$12/board foot.
- Bowl: 0.5 board feet of 3" oak at \$20/board foot.

- **Physical Units Budget:**

Product	Units to Produce	Material per Unit	Total Material (Board Feet)
Birdhouses	4,050	1.5 (3/8" oak)	6,075
Garden Benches	2,550	9 (1/2" oak)	22,950
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- **Cost Budget:**

- **Beginning Inventory:**
 - 3/8" oak: 170 board feet × \$10 = \$1,700
 - 1/2" oak: 1,000 board feet × \$12 = \$12,000
 - 3" oak: 75 board feet × \$20 = \$1,500
- **Materials to Purchase:**
 - 3/8" oak: (6,075 - 170) × \$10 = 5,905 × \$10 = \$59,050
 - 1/2" oak: (22,950 - 1,000) × \$12 = 21,950 × \$12 = \$263,400
 - 3" oak: (1,775 - 75) × \$20 = 1,700 × \$20 = \$34,000
- **Total Cost of Direct Materials:**

Material	Beginning Inventory	To Purchase	Total Cost
3/8" oak	\$1,700	\$59,050	\$60,750
1/2" oak	\$12,000	\$263,400	\$275,400
3" oak	\$1,500	\$34,000	\$35,500
Total			\$371,650

4. Other Production Sub-Budgets

- **Direct Materials Purchases Budget:** Determines materials to purchase, considering usage and desired ending inventory.
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Additional Insights

- **Sequential Budgeting:** The sales budget drives the production budget, which informs materials, labor, and overhead budgets, ensuring alignment across operations.
- **Participative Budgeting:** Involving managers in budget preparation (e.g., sales team for sales budget) enhances accuracy and commitment.
- **Variance Analysis:** Comparing actual results to budgeted figures (e.g., direct materials costs) identifies inefficiencies or market changes.
- **Flexibility:** The master budget is static but can be supplemented with flexible budgets to adjust for actual activity levels.

Business Combinations and Consolidations: Example Problem

Problem

Scenario: On January 1, 2025, Parent Co. acquires 100% of Sub Co. for \$6,000,000 in cash as part of its **strategic plan** to expand into the furniture manufacturing market. Sub Co.'s net assets have a fair value of \$5,000,000, including a brand name (intangible asset) valued at \$800,000 with an indefinite life (not amortized). Parent Co. prepares a **master budget** for Sub Co., including a sales budget projecting 10,000 units of furniture at \$200/unit and a production budget targeting 10,500 units (with 500 units desired ending inventory and 0 beginning inventory). The direct materials usage budget assumes 2 board feet of wood per unit at \$15/board foot, with no beginning inventory and 1,000 board feet desired ending inventory. Calculate goodwill, prepare the consolidation journal entry under US GAAP, and compute the direct materials cost budget. Discuss how the master budget supports post-acquisition integration.

Solution:

1. **Goodwill Calculation:**
 - Purchase price: \$6,000,000
 - Fair value of net assets: \$5,000,000
 - Goodwill = \$6,000,000 - \$5,000,000 = **\$1,000,000**
2. **Consolidation Journal Entry (US GAAP):**
3. Dr Assets (excluding brand name) 4,200,000
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7. **Direct Materials Cost Budget:**
 - **Production Budget:**
 - Units to produce = 10,000 (sales) + 500 (desired ending inventory) - 0 (beginning inventory) = 10,500 units

- **Direct Materials Usage:**
 - Wood required = 10,500 units × 2 board feet/unit = 21,000 board feet
- **Physical Units Budget:**
 - Total wood needed = 21,000 (production) + 1,000 (desired ending inventory) = 22,000 board feet
 - Available from beginning inventory = 0 board feet
 - Wood to purchase = 22,000 board feet
- **Cost Budget:**
 - Cost of wood to purchase = 22,000 × \$15/board foot = \$330,000
 - Total direct materials cost = \$330,000

8. Strategic and Budgeting Notes:

- **Master Budget Role:** The master budget integrates Sub Co.'s sales, production, and direct materials budgets, aligning resources with Parent Co.'s strategic goal of market expansion. The sales budget (\$2,000,000 = 10,000 × \$200) sets revenue targets, while the production and materials budgets ensure sufficient resources to meet demand.
- **Post-Acquisition Integration:** The master budget facilitates **control** by providing benchmarks for Sub Co.'s performance (e.g., comparing actual sales to budgeted \$2,000,000). It supports **coordination** by aligning production with sales and materials procurement, ensuring efficient integration of Sub Co.'s operations.
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2B. Direct Materials Purchases Budget

- **Definition:** Determines the quantity and cost of materials to purchase, considering production needs and inventory levels.

- **Formula:**

Materials to Purchase = Materials for Production + Desired Ending Inventory - Beginning Inventory

- **Example (Wood Creations):**

- **Physical Units Budget:**

Material	For Production	+ Desired Ending Inventory	- Beginning Inventory	Purchases (Board Feet)
3/8" oak	6,075	200	170	6,105
1/2" oak	22,950	1,100	1,000	23,050
3" oak	1,775	100	75	1,800

- **Cost Budget:**

Material Purchases (Board Feet) Cost per Board Foot Total Cost

3/8" oak	6,105	\$10	\$61,050
1/2" oak	23,050	\$12	\$276,600
3" oak	1,800	\$20	\$36,000
Total			\$373,650

2C. Direct Labor Budget

- **Definition:** Estimates labor hours and costs required for production based on standard labor rates and hours per unit.

- **Example (Wood Creations):**

- **Labor Standards:**

- Hourly rate: \$20/hour
 - Birdhouses: 0.6 hours/unit

- Garden Benches: 2 hours/unit
- Bowls: 1 hour/unit

○ **Direct Labor Budget:**

Product	Units Produced	Hours per Unit	Total Hours	Hourly Rate	Total Cost
Birdhouses	4,050	0.6	2,430	\$20	\$48,600
Garden Benches	2,550	2.0	5,100	\$20	\$102,000
Bowls	3,550	1.0	3,550	\$20	\$71,000
Total			11,080		\$221,600

2D. Manufacturing Overhead Costs Budget

- **Definition:** Allocates fixed and variable overhead costs to production, typically based on machine hours or direct labor hours.
- **Example (Wood Creations):**
 - **Allocation Basis:** Direct labor hours (11,080 hours budgeted).
 - **Overhead Costs:**
 - **Fixed Costs:**
 - Depreciation: \$2,240
 - Supervisory salaries and employee costs: \$30,000
 - Other indirect fixed costs: \$1,000
 - Total Fixed Costs: \$33,240
 - **Variable Costs:**
 - Indirect manufacturing labor: \$13,960
 - Equipment maintenance: \$5,000
 - Supplies: \$3,200
 - Total Variable Costs: \$22,160
 - **Total Overhead Costs:** \$33,240 + \$22,160 = \$55,400
 - **Standard Overhead Rates:**
 - Fixed overhead: $\$33,240 \div 11,080 \text{ hours} = \$3.00/\text{DLH}$
 - Variable overhead: $\$22,160 \div 11,080 \text{ hours} = \$2.00/\text{DLH}$
 - Total overhead: $\$55,400 \div 11,080 \text{ hours} = \$5.00/\text{DLH}$

3. Ending Inventories Budget

- **Definition:** Plans the cost of finished goods and direct materials inventory at period-end.

- **Example (Wood Creations):**

- **Finished Goods Cost per Unit** (using FIFO cost flow assumption):

Component	Birdhouses	Garden Benches	Bowls
Direct Materials	\$15 (1.5 × \$10)	\$108 (9 × \$12)	\$10 (0.5 × \$20)
Direct Labor	\$12 (0.6 × \$20)	\$40 (2 × \$20)	\$20 (1 × \$20)
Manufacturing Overhead	\$3 (0.6 × \$5)	\$10 (2 × \$5)	\$5 (1 × \$5)
Total Cost per Unit	\$30	\$158	\$35

- **Budgeted Ending Inventories:**

Item	Quantity	Cost per Unit	Extended Cost
Direct Materials			
3/8" oak	200	\$10	\$2,000
1/2" oak	1,100	\$12	\$13,200
3" oak	100	\$20	\$2,000
Finished Goods			
Birdhouses	350	\$30	\$10,500
Garden Benches	250	\$158	\$39,500
Bowls	350	\$35	\$12,250
Total			\$79,450

4. Cost of Goods Sold Budget

- **Definition:** Estimates the cost of goods sold based on beginning inventory, production costs, and ending inventory.
- **Formula:**

Cost of Goods Sold = Beginning Inventory + Budgeted Production Costs - Ending Inventory

- **Example (Wood Creations):**

- **Beginning Inventory:**

Product	Quantity	Cost per Unit	Extended Cost
Birdhouses	300	\$28	\$8,400
Benches	200	\$150	\$30,000

Bowls	300	\$33	\$9,900
Total			\$48,300

o **Budgeted Production Costs:**

Product	Units Produced	Cost per Unit	Extended Cost
Birdhouses	4,050	\$30	\$121,500
Benches	2,550	\$158	\$402,900
Bowls	3,550	\$35	\$124,250
Total			\$648,650

o **Ending Inventory** (from above): \$62,250

o **Cost of Goods Sold Budget:**

o Beginning Inventory: \$48,300

o + Budgeted Production Costs: \$648,650

o = Goods Available for Sale: \$696,950

o - Desired Ending Inventory: \$62,250

= Budgeted Cost of Goods Sold: \$634,700

Additional Insights

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- **Variance Analysis:** Comparing actual results to budgeted figures (e.g., cost of goods sold) identifies inefficiencies, guiding corrective actions.
- **Flexibility:** While the master budget is static, flexible budgets can supplement it to adjust for actual activity levels.

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Problem

Scenario: On January 1, 2025, Parent Co. acquires 100% of Sub Co. for \$8,000,000 in cash as part of its **strategic plan** to expand into the furniture manufacturing market. Sub Co.'s net assets have a fair value of \$6,500,000, including a customer relationship intangible asset valued at \$1,000,000 with a 10-year useful life. Parent Co. prepares a **master budget** for Sub Co., including:

- **Sales Budget:** 15,000 units at \$300/unit (\$4,500,000 revenue).
- **Production Budget:** 15,500 units (500 units desired ending inventory, 0 beginning inventory).

- **Direct Materials Usage Budget:** 2 board feet of wood per unit at \$20/board foot, with 1,500 board feet desired ending inventory and 0 beginning inventory. Calculate goodwill, prepare the consolidation journal entry under US GAAP, and compute the direct materials purchases budget. Discuss how the master budget supports post-acquisition integration.

Solution:

1. **Goodwill Calculation:**

- o Purchase price: \$8,000,000
- o Fair value of net assets: \$6,500,000
- o Goodwill = \$8,000,000 - \$6,500,000 = **\$1,500,000**

2. **Consolidation Journal Entry (US GAAP):**

3. Dr Assets (excluding customer relationship) 5,500,000

4. Dr Customer Relationship 1,000,000

5. Dr Goodwill 1,500,000

Cr Cash 8,000,000

6. **Amortization of Customer Relationship (Year 1, US GAAP):**

- o Annual amortization = \$1,000,000 ÷ 10 years = \$100,000

7. Dr Amortization Expense 100,000

Cr Accumulated Amortization 100,000

8. **Direct Materials Purchases Budget:**

o **Production Needs:**

- Units to produce = 15,000 (sales) + 500 (desired ending inventory) - 0 (beginning inventory) = 15,500 units
- Wood required = 15,500 × 2 board feet/unit = 31,000 board feet

o **Physical Units Budget:**

- Total wood needed = 31,000 (production) + 1,500 (desired ending inventory) = 32,500 board feet
- Beginning inventory = 0 board feet
- Wood to purchase = 32,500 board feet

o **Cost Budget:**

- Cost of wood = 32,500 × \$20/board foot = \$650,000
- **Total Direct Materials Purchases Cost:** \$650,000

9. **Strategic and Budgeting Notes:**

- **Master Budget Role:** The master budget integrates Sub Co.'s sales (\$4,500,000), production (15,500 units), and direct materials purchases (\$650,000) budgets, aligning resources with Parent Co.'s strategic goal of market expansion. It provides a framework for planning and controlling Sub Co.'s operations post-acquisition.
- **Post-Acquisition Integration:** The master budget ensures **coordination** by linking sales forecasts to production and materials needs, supporting efficient resource allocation. It facilitates **control** by setting benchmarks (e.g., \$650,000 for materials) for variance analysis, enabling Parent Co. to monitor Sub Co.'s performance and address inefficiencies.
- **Consolidation:** Eliminate Sub Co.'s equity accounts (e.g., common stock, retained earnings) during consolidation. Goodwill is tested annually for impairment, and the customer relationship is amortized under US GAAP.
- **Performance Evaluation:** The master budget supports post-acquisition integration by providing clear targets for revenue, production, and costs, ensuring Sub Co.'s operations align with Parent Co.'s strategic objectives in the furniture market.

CMA US Notes: Forecasting, Regression Analysis, and Business Combinations

Overview of Forecasting

Forecasting is the process of predicting future outcomes based on historical data, patterns, or relationships. It is critical for budgeting, planning, and strategic decision-making, enabling organizations to anticipate demand, costs, and performance metrics.

- **Definition:** An attempt to estimate future results using mathematical models, formulas, or statistical techniques.
- **Purpose:** Supports resource allocation, inventory management, and financial planning by providing data-driven predictions.

Types of Forecasting

1. Time Series Analysis

- **Definition:** Analyzes historical data over time to identify patterns and trends for forecasting future values.
- **Key Technique: Trend Projection** using simple regression analysis.
 - Uses historical observations to forecast future values based on time as the independent variable.
 - Assumes past patterns (e.g., linear growth) will continue.
- **Application:** Predict sales, costs, or production levels based on historical trends.

2. Causal Forecasting

- **Definition:** Forecasts outcomes based on cause-and-effect relationships between the dependent variable (e.g., sales) and one or more independent variables (e.g., advertising spend, economic indicators).
- **Key Technique:** Regression analysis to model relationships.

- Assumes a linear relationship between variables.
- Projects the dependent variable based on changes in the independent variable(s).
- **Application:** Estimate sales based on marketing budgets or predict costs based on production volume.

Regression Analysis

Simple Regression Analysis

- **Definition:** A statistical method to model the relationship between one dependent variable (Y) and one independent variable (X).
- **Formula:** $(Y = aX + b)$
 - (Y): Dependent variable (e.g., sales).
 - (X): Independent variable (e.g., time, advertising spend).
 - (a): Slope (change in (Y) per unit change in (X)).
 - (b): Intercept (value of (Y) when (X = 0)).
- **Assumptions:**
 1. Variations in the dependent variable are caused by changes in the independent variable (e.g., time in time series analysis).
 2. The relationship is linear.
- **Application:** Forecast sales over time or estimate costs based on a single driver (e.g., production volume).
- **Example:** If sales increase by \$1,000 per month, the regression line might be $(\text{Sales} = 1,000 \times \text{Month} + 10,000)$.

Multiple Regression Analysis

- **Definition:** Models the relationship between one dependent variable and multiple independent variables.
- **Formula:** $(Y = a_1X_1 + a_2X_2 + \dots + a_nX_n + b)$
 - $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$: Independent variables (e.g., advertising, pricing, economic indicators).
 - $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$: Coefficients for each independent variable.
- **Key Consideration:** Each independent variable must have a cause-and-effect relationship with the dependent variable, verified through statistical tests (e.g., correlation analysis).
- **Application:** Predict sales based on multiple factors (e.g., advertising, promotions, and market trends).
- **Example:** $(\text{Sales} = 500 \times \text{Ad Spend} + 200 \times \text{Promotions} + 5,000)$.

Benefits of Regression Analysis

- **Quantitative:** Provides numerical, data-driven forecasts, facilitating objective decision-making.
- **Cost Analysis:** Separates fixed and variable cost components in mixed costs (e.g., utilities with a fixed base and variable usage).
- **Strategic Planning:** Supports budgeting and forecasting by predicting key metrics.

Limitations of Regression Analysis

- **Data Dependency:** Requires sufficient historical data; cannot be used without it.
- **Environmental Changes:** Inaccurate if conditions (e.g., market dynamics, regulations) have changed since data collection.
- **Assumption Sensitivity:** Assumes linear relationships and stable cause-and-effect dynamics, which may not always hold.

Expected Value

- **Definition:** A weighted average of possible outcomes, calculated by multiplying each outcome by its probability and summing the results.
- **Formula:** $E(X) = \sum (X_i \times P(X_i))$
 - (X_i) : Possible outcome.
 - $(P(X_i))$: Probability of the outcome.
- **Purpose:** Quantifies the expected outcome for decision-making (e.g., inventory planning, sales forecasting).
- **Methods of Assigning Probability:**
 - **Classical Method:** Assumes equal probability for all outcomes (e.g., rolling a die).
 - **Relative Frequency Method:** Uses historical data to estimate probabilities (e.g., based on past sales).

Example: Computer Store Sales

- **Scenario:** A computer store tracks daily sales over 312 days (6 days/week × 52 weeks) to determine inventory needs.
- **Frequency Distribution:**

Number of Sales	Number of Days	Probability (Days ÷ 312)
0	17	0.0545 (17/312)
1	23	0.0737 (23/312)
2	29	0.0929 (29/312)
3	35	0.1122 (35/312)

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4	41	0.1314 (41/312)
5	47	0.1506 (47/312)
6	41	0.1314 (41/312)
7	29	0.0929 (29/312)
8	23	0.0737 (23/312)
9	17	0.0545 (17/312)
10	10	0.0321 (10/312)
Total	312	1.00

- **Expected Value Calculation:**

Number of Sales Probability Expected Value (Sales × Probability)

0	0.0545	0.00
1	0.0737	0.0737
2	0.0929	0.1858
3	0.1122	0.3366
4	0.1314	0.5256
5	0.1506	0.7530
6	0.1314	0.7884
7	0.0929	0.6503
8	0.0737	0.5896
9	0.0545	0.4905
10	0.0321	0.3210
Total	1.00	4.7145 (rounded to 4.71)

Variance and Standard Deviation

- **Definition:**
 - **Variance (σ^2):** Measures the dispersion of outcomes around the expected value.
 - **Standard Deviation (σ):** Square root of variance, indicating variability in the same units as the data.

- Formulas:

- Variance: $(\sigma^2 = \sum P(X_i) \times (X_i - \mu)^2)$
- Standard Deviation: $(\sigma = \sqrt{\sigma^2})$

- Example (Computer Store):

Number of Sales	Deviation ((X _i - μ))	Squared Deviation	Probability	Weighted Squared Deviation
0	0 - 4.71 = -4.71	22.1841	0.0545	1.2090
1	1 - 4.71 = -3.71	13.7641	0.0737	1.0144
2	2 - 4.71 = -2.71	7.3441	0.0929	0.6823
3	3 - 4.71 = -1.71	2.9241	0.1122	0.3281
4	4 - 4.71 = -0.71	0.5041	0.1314	0.0662
5	5 - 4.71 = 0.29	0.0841	0.1506	0.0127
6	6 - 4.71 = 1.29	1.6641	0.1314	0.2187
7	7 - 4.71 = 2.29	5.2441	0.0929	0.4872
8	8 - 4.71 = 3.29	10.8241	0.0737	0.7978
9	9 - 4.71 = 4.29	18.4041	0.0545	1.0030
10	10 - 4.71 = 5.29	27.9841	0.0321	0.8983
Total			1.00	6.6177

- Variance $(\sigma^2) = 6.6177$
- Standard Deviation $(\sigma) = (\sqrt{6.6177}) \approx 2.57$

- Interpretation:** The expected daily sales are 4.71 computers, with a standard deviation of 2.57, indicating moderate variability in daily sales.

Additional Insights

- Forecasting Accuracy:** Combining time series and causal forecasting improves reliability by accounting for trends and external drivers.
- Regression in Budgeting:** Helps estimate variable and fixed costs for budgeting (e.g., predicting utility costs based on production volume).
- Probability in Decision-Making:** Expected value and standard deviation guide inventory and resource planning by quantifying risks and expected outcomes.
- Software Tools:** Statistical software (e.g., Excel, SPSS) enhances regression and probability calculations, improving forecasting efficiency.

Business Combinations and Consolidations: Example Problem

Problem

Scenario: On January 1, 2025, Parent Co. acquires 100% of Sub Co. for \$12,000,000 in cash to expand into the technology retail market. Sub Co.'s net assets have a fair value of \$9,500,000, including a software license valued at \$2,000,000 with a 5-year useful life. Parent Co. uses **time series analysis** to forecast Sub Co.'s daily computer sales for 2025, based on historical data similar to the computer store example (expected value = 4.71 computers/day, 312 days/year). A **multiple regression analysis** predicts Sub Co.'s annual sales revenue as a function of advertising spend $((X_1))$ and store traffic $((X_2))$: $(\text{Revenue}) = 500X_1 + 200X_2 + 1,000,000$, with planned advertising of \$1,000,000 and traffic of 10,000 customers. Calculate goodwill, prepare the consolidation journal entry under US GAAP, estimate Sub Co.'s annual sales revenue, and compute the expected daily computer sales. Discuss how forecasting supports post-acquisition budgeting.

Solution:

1. Goodwill Calculation:

- Purchase price: \$12,000,000
- Fair value of net assets: \$9,500,000
- Goodwill = \$12,000,000 - \$9,500,000 = **\$2,500,000**

2. Consolidation Journal Entry (US GAAP):

- Dr Assets (excluding software license) 7,500,000
- Dr Software License 2,000,000
- Dr Goodwill 2,500,000
- Cr Cash 12,000,000

7. Amortization of Software License (Year 1, US GAAP):

- Annual amortization = \$2,000,000 ÷ 5 years = \$400,000
- Dr Amortization Expense 400,000
- Cr Accumulated Amortization 400,000

10. Expected Daily Computer Sales:

- From time series analysis, expected value = 4.71 computers/day.
- Annual sales = 4.71 × 312 days ≈ 1,469 computers.

11. Annual Sales Revenue (Multiple Regression):

- Regression model: $(\text{Revenue}) = 500X_1 + 200X_2 + 1,000,000$
- $(X_1 = 1,000,000)$ (advertising), $(X_2 = 10,000)$ (traffic)
- Revenue = $(500 \times 1,000,000 + 200 \times 10,000 + 1,000,000 = 500,000,000 + 2,000,000 + 1,000,000 = \$503,000,000)$

12. **Strategic and Forecasting Notes:**

- **Time Series Analysis:** The expected value of 4.71 computers/day (1,469 annually) informs Sub Co.'s inventory budgeting, ensuring sufficient stock to meet demand.
- **Multiple Regression Analysis:** The revenue forecast (\$503,000,000) supports the **sales budget**, guiding resource allocation for advertising and store operations.
- **Post-Acquisition Budgeting:** Forecasting enables Parent Co. to set realistic sales and inventory targets in the master budget, aligning with the strategic goal of market expansion. Variance analysis (e.g., comparing actual sales to 1,469 units) supports **control** by identifying deviations.
- **Consolidation:** Eliminate Sub Co.'s equity accounts. Goodwill is tested annually for impairment, and the software license is amortized under US GAAP.
- **Strategic Alignment:** Forecasting ensures Sub Co.'s operations are integrated efficiently, with revenue and inventory plans supporting Parent Co.'s growth objectives in the technology retail market.